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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, March 23, 1876.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELEGANT AND SUBSTANTIAL, MOSTLY FRENCH AND ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, OIL PAINTINGS, GLASS-WARE, CROCKERY, AND PLATED-WARE, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from ADAM SIENKOWICZ, Esq., French Consul, to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 23rd day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, Robinson Road,—The whole of his Elegant and Substantial HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

Three French-made Pearwood Drawing-room Suites, Covered with Damascus and French Silk.

French-made Pearwood Marble-top Cheffonier, Table, and Card Table.

Blackwood Marble-top Carved Tables.

Old Italian Carved Framed Looking Glasses.

Gilt Framed Pier Glasses, Engravings, Drawings, Oil Paintings, Moderator Lamps, Statuettes.

Persian Carpets.

Turkish Table Covers.

Palestine Wood Writing Table, English-made Mahogany Table, and Desk Chair.

French-made Rosewood Inlaid Bookcase, Work Table, and Set of Drawers, Louis XVI.

French-made Bedroom Suite, Covered with Silk, Louis XVI.

Teakwood Extension Dining Table, Mahogany Sideboard, Arm Chairs, Teak Whatnots, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glass and Plated-ware, &c.

Iron Bedsteads and Spring Mattresses.

Palestine Wood Wardrobe, with Plate Glass Door, Double-wing Lady's Wardrobe.

English-made Bedroom Chairs, Dressing Table, Washstands.

WINE.

A LARGE SELECTION OF FLOWERING PLANTS, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 21st Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 12, 1877. ap23

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HANDSOME ENGLISH & VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from F. PAUL, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, (previous to his departure for Shanghai), on

FRIDAY,

the 27th day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, No. 1, Praya East,—

The whole of his HANDSOME ENGLISH and VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

English-made Suite of Furniture, Covered with Green Damask.

Venetian Inlaid Blackwood Table and Chairs, Blackwood Carved Side Tables, Carpet, Hearthrugs, Rep Window Curtains, &c., &c.

Richly Carved Oak Sideboard, Richly Carved Oak-Framed Pier Glass and Flower Stands, Dining Table, Buffet, Whatnots, and Dinner Trays.

Oil Paintings, Oil Cloth, and Clocks.

Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass-ware, Plated-ware, &c., &c.

Library Oak Book-case and Desks, Inlaid Blackwood Lady's Desk, Tables, Chairs, Easy Chairs, and Chess Table.

Brass Bedsteads, English-made Mahogany Marble-top Dressing Table and Washstand, Wardrobes, with Plate Glass Door, Cheval Glass, &c.

Cassiers, Gas Brackets, Stair Carpet, with Brass Stair Rods, Marble-top Tables, Bronze Statuettes, &c.

Office Furniture, comprising:—Desks, Chairs, Paper Press, Copying Press, Fire-proof Safe, &c., &c.

One HOUSE BOAT and One SKIFF.

After which, at the Godown,—

10 Tons ARTIFICIAL MANURE.

1 SAW MILL, by FORREST & BARR, Engineers, Glasgow.

Also, 1 TURNING LATHE and various MACHINERY.

And, At the Yard of Messrs Inglis & Co.,—

One 12-H.P. TWIN SCREW ENGINE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Thursday, the 26th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap27

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held at the CLUB HOUSE on THURSDAY, the 19th Inst., at Half-past Four o'clock in the Afternoon.

By Order, EDWARD BEART, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap19

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of the CREDITORS of THOMAS THORNTON ANTHONY, of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, formerly trading in Co-partnership with CARL HEINRICH EISEN SEIMUND of the same place, as Storekeepers and Shipchandlers at No. 62, Praya Central, Victoria, aforesaid, under the Style or Firm of "BROADBENT ANTHONY & Co.," who was adjudged Bankrupt on the 3rd day of April, 1877, will be held, pursuant to the 67th Section of "The Bankruptcy Ordinance 1864," in the Supreme Court House before FRANCIS SOWLEY HURD, Esq., Acting Registrar of the said Court, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of April, 1877, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon precisely.

At the said Meeting, the said Acting Registrar will preside, and will Receive the Proofs of the Debts of Creditors, and the Creditors may choose an Assignee or Assignees of the Bankrupt's estate and effects.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1877.

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON, Solicitors Acting in the Bankruptcy, Supreme Court House.

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DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT late of visiting JAPAN shortly, and would be glad if those who wish to Consult him professionally would make an appointment for an Early Day.

HOURS FOR CONSULTATION: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, Hongkong, April 6, 1877.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL,

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong. ESTABLISHED 1853. TH. KOFFER, Proprietor. Hongkong, April 23, 1876. ap28

HONGKONG.

Obs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road, NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS, &c., &c., &c.

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. ti.

For Sale.

FOR SALE,

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER "ALBA,"

THE above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs DOBBIE & Co., under special survey of LLOYD'S, and Her MACHINERY and BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HOWDEN & Co., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general repairs in 1875, when New SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG and WHARF DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Afting Deck, 7 feet 4 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons.

CLASS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyd's.

RIG.—Brig Rigger.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or 425 tons Measurement (40 feet).

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet; Loaded 12 feet.

SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 8 1/2 to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coals.

CABIN.—Under Afting Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with accommodation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

ENGINE.—A pair of Howden's patent High and Low pressure Engines of 90 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 inches in diameter. Stroke 30 inches.

PROPELLER.—Bessemer Steel of 4 Blades, with One Spare Set of Blades.

WINCH.—One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 60 pounds.

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.

A MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse Power Nominal, High and Low Pressure, with Extra Surface Condenser and Tubular Boiler. Consumption, 2 Tons per 24 Hours.

The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messrs Matthew Paul & Co., Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturges, Manila.

Particulars may be obtained on application to

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half. To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

HENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche "Dry."

TH. ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche.

JOHN DURAND & Co.'s CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

STARTUP & KENTON'S PORTS and SHERRIES.

MOULTON & Co.'s COGNACS, 1, 2, 3 Stars.

BLANCHY FRERES & Co.'s COGNACS.

JUSTUS LEMBEKE & Co.

Hongkong, April 9, 1877. iy9

FOR SALE.

BY TENDER, the whole Stock-in-Trade of the TAKU TUG AND LIGHTER COMPANY, consisting of the following Steamers:—

Steam Tug & Lighter *Argentine*, 3,500 pails.

Steam Tug *Orphan*, 1,800 ".

Little *Orphan*, ".

Tenders will Receive immediate attention.

Apply to TAKU TUG & LIGHTER Co., Taku, March 12, 1877. ap30

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI.

Our CARL KRESS has been admitted a Partner from This Date.

MELOHERS & Co.

Hongkong, April 12, 1877. my12

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY L. DENNY will act as a SECRETARY, LIBRARIAN, and CLERK of the CITY HALL from and after the 11th Instant.

By Order of the Committee, N. B. DENNY, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap24

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Established a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI under the Management of Mr. ALFRED F. O. KRAUS, who will sign for us by Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & Co. Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my temporary absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. ae18

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence of the Undersigned, Mr. EDWARD MOORE will act as Secretary of the Society in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 2, 1877. ap17

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRUIKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

To Let.

TO LET.

No. 2, PRINCE TERRACE, ELGIN STREET, with Immediate Possession.

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIDD, Bianco Villa, Pok-fo-lum, Furnished.

DAVID SASSON, BONS & Co. Hongkong, February 12, 1877.

TO LET.

THE Upper Portion of Nos. 42 and 44, Queen's Road.

The Dwelling House and Offices No. 1, D'Aguilar Street, at present in the occupation of Messrs DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co., Possession from the 1st May next.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co. Hongkong, November 17, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY. The Spanish Steamer "SALVADORA."

will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 17th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BRANDAO & Co.

Hongkong, April 14, 1877. ap17

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA. The Steamship "JAPAN."

Capt. H. DE SMIDT, will leave this for the above Ports on TUESDAY Next, the 17th Inst., at 8 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSON, BONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap17

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA. The Steamship "ARGYLL."

D. Scott, Commander, will leave for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap17

FOR COOKTOWN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET."

will be despatched as above, from SINGAPORE, on or about the 30th Instant.

For Freight, apply to the Undersigned, who are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 13, 1877.

FOR SHANGHAI. The German Steamship "FERONIA."

Captain H. SCHULTZ, shortly expected from HAMBURG and SINGAPORE, will receive immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 13, 1877.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANAI,"

Comdt. REYNIER, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. de POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "SINDH,"

Comdt. LORMIER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. de POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The 41 Clipper Ship "NYASSA,"

GARRICK, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

NEITHER Captain Forbes, nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBOLDI," will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plumer.—Simmons & Co.
ROSLA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
ECHO, British barque, Capt. George W. Tozer.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
WINDHAMMER, British ship, Capt. Mann.—Meyer & Co.
IRIS, Dutch schooner, Captain J. Werterfeld.—Order.
ROSETTA McNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
ARGONAUT, British ship, Captain John Anderson.—Meyer & Co.
NYASSA, British ship, Captain W. S. Garriock. Douglas Lapraik & Co.
CORINNE, British Barque, Captain Wm. Robertson.—Wieler & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW. The Steamship "YESSO." Capt. J. E. Funchard, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, April 16, 1877. ap18

FOR MANILA. The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Captain THIBAUD, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 21st Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON. Hongkong, April 16, 1877. ap21

FOR SHANGHAI & HANKOW. The British Steamship "TARTAR," Johnson, Master, will be despatched as above on or about the 28th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to Wm. POSTAU & Co., Agents. Hongkong, April 16, 1877. ap28

NOTICE.
MR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr. CONRAD MUNRO DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.
WM. POSTAU & Co., Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai. Hongkong, April 16, 1877. jyl6

C. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 18th May, 1877, at 9 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.
Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.
A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.
At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.
Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 14th May. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked in full; value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, April 16, 1877. my16

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
April 16, Washi, British steamer, 265, A. Hunter, Hoibow April 12, General.—LANDESTEIN & Co.
April 16, Viscount MacDuff, British schooner, from Whampoa.
April 16, Fuyuw, Chinese steamer, 620, A. Orad, Shanghai April 12, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
April 16, Tanai, French steamer, 1768, Reynier, Yokohama April 10, Mail and General.—METSAGHERIES MARITIME.
April 16, Mary Whitridge, American ship, 862, B. F. Oule, San Francisco Feb. 17, General.—KUSNETZ & Co.
April 16, Juan, British steamer, 1019, J. Slack, Saigon April 11, Rice.—Wm. POSTAU & Co.
April 16, Killarney, British steamer, 660, O'Neale, Newcastle (N.S.W.) March 27, Coal.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
April 16, Fei Hoo, Chinese gunboat, 200, Cooper, Pakhoi April 10, Weihow 11, Hoibow 18, Holsen 14, and Novehow 15.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 15, Namoa, for Coast Ports.
15, Hailong, for Amoy, &c.
15, Esmeralda, for Amoy.
15, Alden Besse, for Portland (Oregon).
15, Coeran, for Swatow.
15, Garibaldi, for Portland (Oregon).
15, Jeddah, for Swatow.
15, Yangtze, for Canton.
15, Fleurs Castle, for Shanghai.
15, Yu Yow, for Canton.
15, Chou Sze, for Bangkok.
15, U.S.S. Ashur B, for Canton.
15, Ocean, for Hoibow.

CLEARED.

Forward, for Portland (Oregon).
Pernambuco, for Hoibow.
Young Star, for Bangkok.
Bertha, for Quinhon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Fuyuw, from Shanghai, Capt. Blaise, Capt. More, Mr. S. M. Cook, and 75 Chinese.
Per Tanai, from Yokohama: for Hongkong, Mr. F. W. Goeltze and Tang Chan and child; for Singapore, Mr. J. Brimner; for Marseilles, Messrs Mornat, Thomson, Delsenhammer, Jodel, Sarra Gallet, Bartholet, Men dre, Vaguez, A. W. Berggren, and Barboret.
Per Mary Whitridge, from San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Palmer, and Mr. D. D. Allen.
Per Washi, from Hoibow, 9 Chinese.
DEPARTED.
Per Namoa, for Coast Ports, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Morris, and Mr. Vander Linden.
Per Esmeralda, for Amoy, Mr. Elwell, and 20 Chinese.
Per Jeddah, for Swatow, 10 Chinese.
Per Hailong, for Amoy, &c., 200 Chinese.
Per Alden Besse, for Portland (Oregon) 2 Europeans and 335 Chinese.
Per Forward, for Portland (Oregon), 281 Chinese.
Per Bertha, for Quinhon, 2 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
Light breezes and fine weather throughout. Passed S. S. Olympia off Hainan Head.
The Chinese steamer Fuyuw reports: Light S.W. wind and calm and foggy weather.

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.
Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 26, Western Chief, from London to Hongkong.
Nov. 26, Madura, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 28, New Era, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Dec. 4, Bendultha, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Hongkong.
Dec. 17, Carricks, from London to Hongkong.
Dec. 19, Channel Queen, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Dec. 20, Chinaman, from London to Hongkong.
Dec. 22, Sophie, from New York to Hongkong.
Dec. 23, Inc, from Greenock to Swatow.
Dec. 23, John Nicholson, from New York to Shanghai.
Dec. 27, Undine, from London to Shanghai.
Dec. 29, Canaan, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Jan. 4, C. R. Bishop, from London to Hongkong.
Jan. 11, Windhover, from London to Shanghai.
Jan. 12, Woodhall, from Hamburg to Hongkong.
Jan. 12, Hope, from London to Hongkong.
Jan. 16, Gryte, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Jan. 18, Batavia, from Hamburg to Hongkong.
Jan. 31, Forward Ho, from London to Shanghai.
Feb. 1, Robert Henderson, from Buryport to Hongkong.
Feb. 2, Polynasia, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 5, Carrizal, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 5, Daphne, from London to Hongkong.
Feb. 12, Leading Wind, from Antwerp to Hongkong.
Feb. 15, Bertha (str.), from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 17, Therese Behn, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 18, Matchless, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 19, Cactus O., from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 19, F. P. Lichfield, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 19, Maipu, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 20, Punrith, from London to Hongkong.
Feb. 22, Enid, from London to Hongkong.
Feb. 22, Osaka, from London to Hongkong.
Feb. 22, Haled Will, from London to Shanghai.
Feb. 24, Peronia (str.), from Hamburg to Shanghai.
Feb. 25, Argentine (str.), from London to China and Japan.
Feb. 27, Gold Hunter, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 28, Anchises (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai.
Feb. 28, City of Aberdeen, from London to Shanghai.
Feb. 28, D. McE. Park, from Sunderland to Singapore and Hongkong.
March 1, Isles of the South, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
March 1, Brown Brothers, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.
At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.
Candia, Teviot.
Scindia, Glenagles.
Sailing Vessels.
Sir Lancelot, Duke of Abercorn.
Corea, Kailow.
Antrep, Comitisaffy.
Schinde, Melbrek.
James Shephard.
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General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, April 18:—
Noon.—Yessu leaves for Coast Ports.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.
THURSDAY, April 19:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
4.30 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the H. K. Club at the Club House.
Goods per Glenagles undelivered after this date subject to rent.
FRIDAY, April 20:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.
Yessu leaves for Manila on or about this date.
Goods per Fleurs Castle undelivered after this date subject to rent.
SATURDAY, April 21:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Noon.—Esmeralda leaves for Manila.
MONDAY, April 23:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at Mr. Adam Sienkiewicz's residence, Robinson Road.
WEDNESDAY, April 25:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Creditors in re Thomas Thornton Anthony, a Bankrupt, at the Court House.
FRIDAY, April 27:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at Mr. F. Fell's residence, Praya East.
SATURDAY, April 28:—
Tartar leaves for Shanghai and Hankow on or about this date.
TUESDAY, May 1:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.
THURSDAY, May 15:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—Salvadora leaves for Manila.
3 p.m.—Japan leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
3 p.m.—Argyll leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.
The publication of this issue commenced 7.25 p.m.

BIRTH.

At Hankow, on the 3rd April, the Wife of F. W. WHITE, Esq., Commissioner of Customs, of a Son.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1877.

It seems that the veil of mystery which was thrown over the Colonial Surgeon's report for 1875 has not been allowed to extend its folds to the incubations and statistics of our official *chirurgus* for last year. A commendable promptitude has been displayed in publishing the report 1876, for it is given to the public within a week of its birth. We strongly suspect that Sir Arthur Kennedy was offering an indirect excuse for the non-publication of the missing document, in regard to which there has been so much enquiry, when he referred to sanitary matters in his eloquent and long-to-be-remembered farewell speech at the City Hall. It will be recollected that His Excellency, after certain remarks on the faults in the construction of this city and the "famous system of drainage" it possesses, added "you have officers present on this occasion who have gone into this unsavoury question; who know all about it; but there is little use in throwing nuisances before the public to be discussed and talked about when you have not the possible means of remedying them at once." Putting two and two together, it may be reasonably inferred from these remarks that the report was suppressed because it contained some rather startling statements respecting the drainage and, possibly, general sanitary state of the Colony. There is no doubt a considerable amount of truth in the remarks of His Excellency, but still to suppress facts of general importance because the placing of them before the public may cause some little excitement, is a very paternal sort of proceeding, and we greatly question if the suppression of this report did not create greater alarm in the minds of residents here than ever its publication would have done.

The report of Dr. Ayres is both an interesting and exhaustive one, and there is only one portion of it in which we cannot concur. In dealing with the Tung Wah Hospital it appears to us the Doctor has seriously gone astray on one or two points of more or less importance. Speaking of the establishment of dispensaries in the Colony, he says, "Supposing Government dispensaries were established here, there is only a limited demand, and the school set up must close as soon as this demand is furnished, for the men thus educated would be useless in their own country, where they could not procure the drugs they were taught to use, or only at a heavy cost." These sentences are not perhaps so clear as they might be even when considered in conjunction with the preceding and following ones, but they indicate sufficiently plainly that Dr. Ayres has little or no belief in the training of native doctors to practise after European methods. His reasons for this lack of belief are that "men thus educated would be useless in their own country, where they could not procure the drugs they were taught to use, or only at a heavy cost." Now we are bound to traverse these assertions. We believe that native doctors educated in European modes of practice are daily growing in favour on the mainland; that they are operating successfully in various parts of the country, and that foreign drugs and medicines, especially, we might add, quinine and patent medicines, can be obtained readily and at reasonable prices in most of the eastern and southern provinces. *En passant*, we may mention that we have lately heard complaints of a spurious or adulterated quinine being supplied for native consumption at cheap rates from this Colony. Dr. Jayne, as most residents here are doubtless aware, has a flourishing agency at Canton for supplying native dealers with drugs and medicines. To show what a bold foreign surgical and medical treat-

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The M. M. steamer *Sindh* left Saigon with the outward mails on Sunday at noon.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.) that the S.S. *Glenagles* left Singapore for this port on 16th instant, at noon.

The maximum temperature at the Harbour Master's office during the week was 79.0, and the minimum 64.0; at the Peak the maximum was 70.5, and the minimum 60. Only 0.22 inch rain fell during the week.

THERE will be a Court of Enquiry at the Harbour Master's to-morrow, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to investigate into the circumstances attending the loss of the British barque *Naworth Castle*.

Last Saturday was the day fixed by the Canton Authorities for the assumption of the summer clothing. It was also the day appointed for taking off the national mourning on account of the death of the late Emperor Tung-chi.

We are glad to hear that the efforts of the Chinese Hospital at Canton in raising a Famine Relief Fund for the distressed people in Shantung, have been very successful; over \$8000 have been subscribed within three days, and more are daily coming in, the individual donations ranging from \$500 to 50 cents.

We are requested to state that under the new Postal arrangements, unpaid or short-paid newspapers will not be forwarded, and that a considerable number of newspaper packets, each being two newspapers put up to look like one, have already been destroyed.

The Band of the 28th Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening:—
Quadrille,.....*Dinorah*.....Cootes Overture,.....*Nabucco*.....Verdi Selection,.....*Gemma di Vergy*.....Donizetti. Valse,.....*Faust*.....Strauss. Minstrelsong,.....*Howdy*.....Godfrey. Galop,.....*Wie der Wind*.....Faisl.

We learn from the *Boletim do Governo de Macao* of 14th inst., that the Dutch barque *Trio*, which left Macao on the 11th inst., for Timor, took a large number of passengers, consisting of 8 officers, 87 rank and file, 9 priests; Mr Braga, merchant; and some convicts.

The subscription for the relief of the sufferers from the recent flood in Portugal made by the Portuguese Consul General in Bangkok, Mr A. Marques Pereira, reached the handsome figure of \$1,348.

ment and foreign drugs and medicines have obtained, and continue to obtain on the Chinese, we have only to quote from the last report of the Medical Missionary Society's Hospital at Canton, and their establishments at other places. We find from it that at the Hospital in Canton no less than 24,351 out-door and 973 in-door patients were treated during 1866. Dr Ayres is no doubt right in the greater part of the little he says respecting the objection on the part of Chinese to surgical operations, especially if these involve the loss of any limb or member of the body, but still we have the fact set out in this report that the very large number of 1,235 surgical operations were performed at the Hospital during the twelve months. Then, again, at the Society's Dispensary at Sai-nam 2,143 natives availed themselves of the advantages of the institution, a fair proportion of these also undergoing surgical operations; again, at the Dispensaries at Fumun and Tung-kun there were 1,922 and 3,381 patients respectively, and at Fuk-wing 2,475. Dr. Carrow in introducing the report says: "The year presents many features of interest, both in medicine and in surgery, and shows a gratifying increase of confidence on the part of the people of this, and the adjoining provinces, and among the highest ranks of the official class. Among other indications of the favourable regard of the latter, I may mention my being called to the residences of the Viceroy and several other of the higher officials, to attend upon members of their families or themselves in cases of more or less emergency. The increased general usefulness of the Hospital is shown by the larger attendance of the people." All this shows there is not such a rooted objection among the Chinese to foreign medical and surgical treatment as is very generally believed. We don't think we should be prepared to advocate the establishment by the local Government of elaborate means for training native doctors after European methods for service here and on the mainland, because it is perhaps no more the duty of a Government to teach a foreign nation medical or surgical knowledge than it is to instruct it in religious creeds, but as that "sacred" Special Fund must be devoted to the benefit of the Chinese, we scarcely think we should have any objection to see some portion of it, after the cost of the re-construction of the Praya is defrayed, devoted to the establishment of Hospitals or Dispensaries in Hongkong, of course on foreign methods.

In the Supreme Court to-day, an appeal in the case of Lembe v. The Oriental Banking Corporation was heard before the Full Court. It will be recollected that in January last, Mr Lembe recovered against the Oriental Bank the proceeds of two Bills of Exchange drawn in July 1875, under a letter of Credit of Messrs Im. Thurm & Co. The drafts in question were purchased here by the Oriental Bank, and a letter of hypothecation was given by Mr Lembe. Before maturity of the Bills in London, the Oriental Bank there delivered the shipping documents to the acceptors of the Bills, and the acceptors became bankrupt during the pendency of the drafts. The Bills were protested, and the Bank applied to Mr Lembe for payment as drawer. He refused to pay, but to avoid legal proceedings finally paid under protest. The plaintiff then brought his action here to recover the amount thus paid, alleging that the Bank having taken letters of hypothecation was bound to keep the shipping documents till payment, and wrongfully parted with them and thus was responsible for the loss. The case was tried before His Lordship Sir John Smale in December last, and resulted in a verdict for Mr Lembe. To-day a petition of appeal to the Full Court was heard, and Mr Handley appeared for Appellants, urging that the evidence of the bankers given at the trial was inadmissible, and did not prove a custom of bankers, and asking that the judgment should be reversed. He cited several cases on behalf of his contention. Mr Russell, who originally appeared for Mr Lembe, urged that the appeal should be dismissed with costs, that it was too late now to bring the appeal as fourteen days had elapsed without any notice being given, and that the objection should have been taken at the time of the trial as to the inadmissibility of the evidence, and could not now be entertained. He also argued that evidence clearly established usage, and relied on the cases given in the judgment and others which he cited. The Court adjourned, and it is understood that judgment will be given at an early day, as Mr Justice Snowden leaves for Japan at the end of the week.

Wong Akow, a tradesman, at Yowmatse, British Kowloon, was adjudged a bankrupt to-day before Mr Justice Snowden, on the application of Mr Wotton, who appeared for the petitioner, the bankrupt.

The following account, of the average amount of bank-notes in circulation in Hongkong, during the month ending 28th Mar., is published in Saturday's *Gazette*:—

Banks.	Average Amount.
Oriental Bank Corporation.....	\$ 249,530
Chart. Merc. B. of I., L. & Co.....	658,836
Chartered Bank of I. & C.....	416,682
H. K. & S. Hai Bank Corp.....	1,637,945
Total.....	\$2,976,993

It is notified in the *Government Gazette* that Mr McRuen, Assistant Harbour Master, has been provisionally appointed to act until further notice as Deputy Superintendent of Police, vice Mr O'Keefe, appointed Acting Superintendent; also that His Excellency the Administrator has been pleased to recognise provisionally Don Edward Toda as Vice-Consul for Spain at this port, also that Mr L. Balcones has been appointed provisionally, and until further notice Assistant Superintendent of the Hongkong Fire Brigade.

From a return in the *Gazette* of Saturday, it appears that the largest number of prisoners in the gaol on the last day of any week during 1876 was 869, on November 28th, and the smallest 847, on February 20th. The largest number of Europeans confined in the gaol at any one time was 75, and the smallest 80. On January 2nd the European prisoners numbered 66, and on December 31st only 80. The largest number of female prisoners (Chinese or coloured) at one time was 88 and the smallest 10.

From the return of the revenue and expenditure of the Colony for 1876, which appears in the *Gazette* of Saturday, the following information is taken. The total revenue was \$585,808.84, showing a net decrease of \$11,815.77 as compared with that of 1875. The receipts from land revenue amount to \$186,418.40, showing a decrease of \$11,068.06 on the previous year's rents, exclusive of lands, amount to \$61,446.10, an increase of \$5,799.31; payments for licences amount to \$179,389.88, to which the opium monopoly contributes \$186,000, \$4,000 less than in the previous year, while the net decrease on all licences amounts only to \$3,610.02. Taxes amount to \$200,954.84, showing a decrease of \$4,377.69. Postage also shows a decrease of \$2,631.49, the receipts from this source being \$53,780.01. Fees of office amount to \$72,161.81, showing an increase of \$6,420.40, to which increase light dues contribute \$4,959.23. The remaining receipts from various sources make up the total given above. The largest portion of this sum is of course absorbed by the salaries of the various officials, from the Governor down.

Mons. CAMME's series of performances at the Hongkong Hotel were brought to a close on Saturday evening last. There were about fifty gentlemen present. The champion's play was not quite so good as on the former occasions, and when game was called his opponent (Mr Place) had made 88 points, and was declared the best of the six who had competed for the cup. The longest break of the evening was 119. Mons. Carme will, we understand, leave shortly for Shanghai, and it remains to be seen whether our Northern friends will show more creditably alongside of the Professor than have done the local players here. We have at least one amongst us (Mr Goy) who proved himself no mean antagonist, and doubtless there are many more who, had they chosen to come forward, would have acquitted themselves very creditably. Our Shanghai friends have the reputation of being more thoroughly imbued with the sporting spirit, and will doubtless show the Professor some good play.

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wards. \$176,828.61 is set down for the police, being \$2,798.56 less than in 1875. The expenditure on works and buildings, roads, streets, and bridges, amount to \$130,954.87, an increase of \$89,022.29 on that of 1875. The military contribution also shows an increase of \$7,949.93, the amount of the contribution being \$105,856.53 as against \$97,906.54 for the previous year, which, of course, is caused by loss in exchange. The total expenditure amounts to \$305,800.21, being an increase of \$89,877.70 on that of 1875, and \$17,101.67 more than the total revenue.

THE COLONIAL SURGEON'S REPORT.

The following Annual Report of the Colonial Surgeon, with returns annexed, for the year 1876, is published in Saturday's Government Gazette:—

Government Civil Hospital, Hongkong, 8th April, 1877.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward my Annual Report for the year 1876, together with the tables showing the workings of different establishments under my supervision.

POLICE.

The health of the force has been considerably better than last year, there have been fewer admissions and deaths. The health of the Indian part of the force is much improved, there have been fewer admissions to hospital from this part of the force by 65, as compared with 1875, and only one death, as compared with the 5 in the past year. The recruits have been stronger men and better fitted for the climate of Hongkong. Tables I. and II. show the rate of sickness and mortality in the force and the months in which the greatest number of admissions to hospital took place, which as usual is during the summer months and caused by exposure to the rains while on duty. The principal diseases being remittent and intermittent fevers and their sequelae, diarrhoea, dysentery, &c., &c.

TROOPS.

Table III. gives the strength, sickness, and mortality among the troops stationed in Hongkong in 1876. In this case, there has been a very great decrease in both sickness, and mortality.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL. DEATHS.

1874.....	1,607	10
1875.....	716	9
1876.....	693	2

The sickness, as the above figures show, being little more than half what it was in 1874, and the death's only a fifth.

The 28th R. Regt. only arrived in February, and therefore have been less than a year in the East, which may account for the improvement in part. But it will be seen that there was a great improvement in 1876 compared with 1874, and that was in the case of the 80th Regiment, which had been out two years. The main cause, I believe, is the improvement in the drainage, &c., of the barracks, and to this may be attributed the great improvement in the health of the Troops. I am happy to think that my reports of the sanitary state of the Colony quoted by the Commanding Officers of Engineers were the means of procuring the requisite alterations in the drainage of the barracks which was in very bad condition.

GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

I have great satisfaction in thinking that the troubles as regards the building of the new Government Civil Hospital are likely to be brought to a speedy termination. The present building occupied as the Government Civil Hospital, though a great improvement on the one destroyed by the Typhoon of 1874, has very serious defects, many of which I pointed out in my last Report, but on the whole it has worked more satisfactorily than might have been expected.

I forward with this Report, one made by the Superintendent on the working of this establishment.

Table IV. shows the causes of admission to Hospital, of the different cases, and the deaths. Table V. shows the rate of mortality among the different sections of the community admitted to Hospital; in all of which there is a considerable decrease, especially among the Chinese. The Superintendent in his Report remarks upon their dislike to stay in Hospital, and attributes the decrease of the mortality to many being carried away in a dying state by their friends, but this has also been the case in former years, and I am not aware of any increased dislike to staying in Hospital this year more than in former years.

Table VI. shows the number of admissions and deaths in the different months, and as usual the summer months are most sickly, and the mortality greatest. Table VII. shows the number of dead bodies brought to Hospital for examination. There is an increase of 18, as compared with 1875. The increase was among adults, the number of children's bodies being exactly the same.

All things considered, I think this institution had one very well; the admissions are about the same, the deaths among all sections of the community greatly decreased.

ADMISSIONS. DEATHS.

1874.....	820	92
1875.....	1,010	56
1876.....	1,001	35

There were 17 admissions to the Small-pox wards during the year and one death. Some of the cases were very severe, and in spite of all efforts to the contrary, left the patients badly scarred. The Small-pox wards are separated from the Government Civil Hospital, being situated near the old Civil Hospital, and to these I have attended myself, as they are close to the Lock Hospital and do not take me any distance out of my way as they would the Government Civil Hospital. When the new hospital is completed, these wards will form a separate portion of it, and come under the charge of the Superintendent.

One woman in labour was brought to Hospital. As a rule cases would not be admitted to an ordinary hospital, but some cases which require operative interference are better in hospital than in the filthy, ill-ventilated rooms of their own houses; at any rate the risk of a fatal termination is no greater.

During the past year, great changes have been made in the staff of this hospital, and it remains to be seen how the new system will work; as far as it has gone it seems to act well, but time will be required to instruct the new Chinese nurses in their work and sharp supervision to see that it is properly done.

There has, in the last three years, been great trouble with the staff of this establishment. I am in hopes the present plan will prove successful, and that we shall have no more troubles of the sort in future.

I was in charge of the Hospital in the month of October, during the Superintendent's absence on leave, and I think it works as well as can be expected; better than might have been, considering its defects.

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

In my Report for 1874, I said all that could be said for this Institution. As a matter of fact, the Chinese have a rooted objection to going into a Hospital at all, whether it is presided over by their own Native Doctors or by European Surgeons. It will be a work of time to overcome this prejudice. I am frequently called in by Chinese of the better class, and there is not much difficulty with them, if you explain carefully what you hope to be able to do and the chances of success, but if an operation is required and the chances of success are small, or the deformity resulting is great, they decline to submit to it. Their objections, in part the result of their religious belief, are not to be overcome by force or depriving them of their Native Doctors, charlatans, though they may be in a European point of view. I have explained, in the way of educating Native Doctors as done in India, because the Government would require only a few and they would be useless in their native land. In India, where Dispensaries are established by Government all over the empire, native doctors educated in European ideas are a necessity. The prizes in the way of appointments offered to them are great, and medicines are supplied gratis by the Government. Supposing Government Dispensaries were established here, there is only a limited demand, and the school set up must close as soon as this demand is furnished, for the men thus educated would be useless in their own country, where they could not procure the drugs they were taught to use, or only at heavy cost. The objection among the Chinese to the use of the knife, is the same with many castes in India, and in no case would the Government permit an operation to be given to the natives by a surgeon operating against their wishes. Even among Europeans it is customary to consult the wishes of the patients, or their friends, and if an Englishman preferred to die to being operated upon with a chance of recovery, I know of no law to prevent it. So however absurd the treatment of their native doctors may seem, I cannot see anything to be gained by doing away with them. For the natives have not sufficient confidence to come to us, and such a proceeding, in the present state of affairs, would do more harm than good.

The Tung Wah Hospital is to be looked upon as a workhouse is at home; it is the last resort of the poor and destitute, at any rate there they get good food, fairly clean and good accommodation and even luxuries in a Chinese point of view, such as they cannot get anywhere else. As to the treatment, it amounts to non-interference, the prescriptions for the most part are composed of simples, which might be eaten in any quantity. The mortality is very great, as I have shown before, because the Chinese refuse to go into Hospital till they are at the last extremity, and under such circumstances the best European treatment could do but little good. The mortality in this Hospital this year is less than last, being only 45 per cent, as is shown in Table Xa. The total number admitted in 1876 was 1,422, the deaths 640. Many thousand out-patients attend yearly, and are advised and prescribed for gratis, and given medicines when too poor to procure them. There were 1,746 vaccinations performed this year, and this is the one great good done by this Institution. It is curious that the Chinese are far-sighted enough to see the benefit of this operation, which is not at all compulsory, just when many educated people in Europe are inclined to dispute it.

This year, 189 cases of Small-pox were received into this Hospital; of these 104 died and 18 remained in Hospital at the beginning of 1877. A great number of the deaths occurred in children under four years of age. The Smallpox epidemic has been unusually severe this season.

VICTORIA GAOL.

There has been apparently a greater amount of sickness in the gaol this year, but this is in no way connected with the gaol itself, or its regulations as regards work or diet.

The daily average number of prisoners is greater by 60 than last year, and this is the result of a greater number of vagabonds and destitutes brought down by the Canton steamers owing to cheap fares. Many of these people are sickly, diseased objects that had to be admitted into the gaol hospital as soon as they were sent in. The principal causes of sickness have been fever, diarrhoea, dysentery, foot sores, and general debility. This year the commission on the gaol sent in its report, it remains to be seen how the new regulations now in force will work.

It appears to me a pity that a flogging act is not in force the same as in India. I think less harm is done to the prisoner by a good eating than by starvation for 7, 14, or 21 days, as the case may be, on rice and water, a punishment which in many cases it is impossible to carry out. I think a caging would be more effectual in preventing the return of prisoners to gaol, anyhow it would make a considerable reduction in their numbers if such an act applied to petty thefts, &c.

When I came here, I found the rule was to put opium-smokers under special treatment on their entrance into the gaol, allowing them so much opium and decreasing the quantity every day, at the same time using stimulants and tonics in the shape of gin and quinine. I could see no necessity for this, and in very few cases have I allowed either opium or gin to be given.

As a matter of fact, opium-smoking, as used by the majority, has very little permanent effect upon the system; it is as easily stopped as tobacco-smoking and with as little harm to the subject. A very great deal of nonsense has been written on the subject of its injurious effects. An opium-smoker consumes but a small quantity of opium, and the power of the drug is not exhausted by one smoking, as the ashes are reprepared over and over again. Opium, therefore, used in this way, does but little harm, but it is a far different case with the opium eater, who is as rare in China as he is common in India. The effects of opium-smoking and opium-eating seem to have been confounded together in the minds of the English public. The opium-smoker gives himself up to sensual indulgence, is lazy and incapable of work when he carries it to excess; in moderation it is no more harmful than tobacco, and stopping it

causes as little inconvenience in most cases. Far different is it with the opium-eater; to stop his allowance, when the habit is confirmed on among Indians, is, in certain cases, to deprive him of his life. I have seen Indians, deprived of their opium, apparently having only a few minutes to live, revive in an hour and go about their work after a full dose has been administered. These are the conclusions I have come to after considerable experience in India and here. There has been only one death in the Gaol this year, as compared with two in 1875.

LOCK HOSPITAL.

The admissions into hospital were a little more numerous this year, showing an increase of 84, as compared with 1875, but the type of disease is still decreasing in severity as is shown by the decrease in the length of time the patients are detained in hospital by reference to Table XI. A.

Table B shows the number of women brought under the provisions of the Ordinance, which has slightly increased, there being 241 women in 1876 and 272 in 1875, the number of examinations made increased by 788, there being 11,544 examinations in 1875, and 12,332 in 1876.

Table C and E show the extent of disease among the soldiers, police, and civilians brought to hospital. By these tables it will be seen there is a considerable decrease in the severer form of venereal disease, syphilis, and I am assured that the type of disease in those attacked is for the most part the least severe form of syphilis.

Among the military the number of cases of primary syphilis this year was 21, as compared with 25 in 1875.

The Navy returns 56 cases, as compared with 66 in 1875, but in both years the majority of the cases were contracted elsewhere than in Hongkong. The total number of cases admitted for all causes to the Naval Hospital was 147, of these there were 62 in which the disease was not contracted in Hongkong. In 1875, there were 177 cases and 82 were not contracted in Hongkong. Then it must be remembered that there were a very much greater number of sailors here this year than last, owing to the arrival of the Flying Squadron, and therefore to decrease of the disease is much greater than is made apparent by these figures, owing to the difference in that proportion of the number of men.

Among the police, there were only 2 sufferers from syphilis, as compared with 8 in 1875.

Admitted to the Government Civil Hospital were 16 cases, as compared with 22 in 1875.

So that among the small portion of the community is shown a considerable reduction of disease of an hereditary nature, and this class of case has been steadily diminishing every year. The working of the Ordinance then, as far as they are concerned, must be looked upon as a most decided success.

HEALTH OF THE COLONY.

There has been a slight increase in the mortality among the European community, the percentage being 2.93 as compared with 2.34 in 1875. The accounts I have given of the Sanitary state of the town of Victoria makes it a matter of wonder that the mortality is so small, not that it should fluctuate in the way it does, increasing a little one year and decreasing the next.

The Meteorological Table shows the greatest rainfall that has occurred during the last eight years, inches 103.35 have fallen. The maximum temperature was as great as any of the past eight years, except 1873, when it was 91 degrees as compared with 90 degrees this year. The minimum temperature was 37 degrees, the lowest it has been in the past eight years, except in 1871, when it was 36 degrees.

SANITATION.

Table XIII. shows the work done by the Inspectors of Nuisances, by which it will be seen that the number of summonses is much less than in 1875, but the amounts of fines collected is nearly double. The contractor for scavenging having been heavily fined for the negligent way in which his contract was carried out is the principal cause of the great increase in the amount of the fines.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

PH. B. C. AYRES,
Colonial Surgeon.

The Hon. H. E. Woodhouse,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Government Civil Hospital, Hongkong,
29th March, 1877.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward the Report on the Civil Hospital for 1876, with the usual Tables of Statistics.

The Hospital work is still carried on in the old Hotel d'Europe and the adjoining house. The many objections to a continuous occupation of these buildings for Hospital purposes was alluded to in last year's Report, and in the quarters especially, the defective nature of the accommodation has been markedly apparent. The Superintendent had to go on sick leave in the autumn, the Apothecary suffered more or less, and at the present time the Store-keeper is laid up with fever.

The patients, too, on the ground-floor of the adjoining house have been injuriously affected from the same cause; the fever proving much more intractable than is usual under ordinary circumstances.

Much thought and attention have been bestowed in attempting to obviate the evils arising from the defective condition of the place, but with indifferent success.

The mortality has indeed been lower during the year, but this is partly attributable to the fact that in a number of fatal cases of disease and injury, the patients have preferred to be carried home to die.

The total number of admissions during the year was 1,001, of these ten were under 24 years of age, and died within 24 hours of their admission. Of the 891 treated in hospital, police furnished 410, the remaining 581 being made up of seamen,

private patients, destitutes, and prisoners brought in by the police.

The total admissions from the police were fewer by 28 than in 1875, a smaller number having come from the Indian part of the force, viz., 202 instead of 260 in 1875.

The causes of admission were principally affections of the respiratory organs, febrile attacks, and surgical injuries.

The Indians, who furnish more than half the total, are especially liable to bronchitic affections in the cold weather, and many of them having suffered from malarious fevers in their native country are subject to recurrences of greater or less severity after their arrival in Hongkong.

Table VI. shows the varieties among the patients at large. Fevers, bronchial affections and diarrhoea figure prominently in the list.

The surgical operations are comparatively few in number; the Chinese, who might be expected to furnish a certain proportion, have a prejudice against the use of the knife, and when they become the subjects of severe injury, they choose rather to take their chance at home among their friends than submit to the amputation of a limb.

Several lives might be saved in the course of the year if this prejudice could be overcome, but little is to be hoped for in that direction, as long as contentment is given to the pretensions of the native charlatans.

The mortality shown in Tables IV. and V. was small: only 85 deaths occurring in the twelve months, and of these, 10 cases were brought in moribund, and 3 more died from the effects of privation. One cause of this low death rate has been already remarked upon.

Table VII. shows the number of dead bodies brought for examination during the year. The total is 110, instead of 92 in 1875.

The amount paid into the Treasury on account of paying patients was \$4,744.95. This sum does not include the hospital stoppages for the police, nor the payments by the Board of Trade for the sick seamen: the latter amounting to \$2,046.00.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
C. J. WHARF, M.D.,
Superintendent.

Dr. Ph. B. C. Ayres,
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Police Intelligence.
(Before the Hon. C. May.)
16th April, 1877.

A DISCARDED LOVER.

Tong Achue, a blacksmith, was charged with having made a disturbance in a house of ill-fame at Square Street. He had paid attention to an inmate therein, but when he went again last evening, he found that he had been supplanted. Nevertheless, he persisted in occupying the room of the "faithless fair." A constable was called, and when he was removed, an iron bar was found near where he was lying. Fined \$2, and to give security in \$10 to keep the peace for six months.

A GAMBLER'S HAUNT.

Lee Afat, a hawker, was charged by a Chinese Constable with gambling at the back of the Koshing Theatre. The defendant was sent to 14 days' hard labour.

STOLEN GOODS.

Chow Ah, Chow Ag, and Chow Afat, blacksmiths, were charged by Mr. J. V. Jesus, a clerk at the Hinghom Dock, with having in their possession a quantity of old iron plates and two pieces of kettles. The complainant stated that from information received he went to the defendants' shop and saw the pieces of kettles outside the shop. The kettles belonged to the Spanish steamer *Fatima*, and the plates were broken off from her. A large quantity of iron plates had been stolen from the premises, recently, and about 500 lbs. iron plates were found in the defendants' shop. J. M. Keratin, an overage of the steamer *Patria*, identified the pieces of kettles and iron plates. The 1st defendant said his partner bought the things from the Tai Loi shop, but he could not point out his partner. The 2nd and 3rd defendants said they were in the 1st defendant's employ and did not know anything about the kettles and iron plates. They were discharged, but the 1st defendant was sent to six months' hard labour for receiving stolen goods.

THE UNPROTECTED RESERVOIR.

Robert Brown and Noah Blackman, seamen belonging to H. M. S. *Charley*, were charged with defiling the water in the Reservoir at Pok-foe-lun. The defendants said they did not know that the water was that which supplied the people in town. Fined \$2 or 3 days' imprisonment.

DISEASED FOWL.

Leung Ayow, a hawker, was charged by P. C. 275 Keong Ahn, with having a quantity of diseased fowl. The defendant said he had bought the meat from a Hakkas. The wife admitted this, saying she bought it at 35 cash a catty. She knew it was bad, but she would eat it as she was poor. The case was remanded till 23rd inst., for the Hakkas woman to be found.

MURDER.

The keeper of the Po Lok Theatre was summoned for keeping the front of the Theatre in a filthy state. Fined \$1.

ASSAULT.

Yip Afat, an ex-police man who has retired on a pension, again appeared to answer the charge of assaulting a woman by kicking her. It appeared that the defendant's wife had a quarrel with the woman, and he took the part of the former. Fined \$5.

SUSPECTED THEFT.

Sally Clark, a resident in Gago Street, appeared to charge one Cheong Aai, a carpenter, on suspicion of having stolen some pieces of plated ware from a house. She had engaged a detainer to do some work in the house and a number of men were sent. The work was finished on the 14th, except a little painting to the stair-case, and the defendant was there early yesterday morning to complete it. After he had gone, the detainer reported the loss of the articles, which were all right when the house was looked up on the night of the 14th. The case was remanded for one week, the defendant being admitted to bail in \$50.

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 Also,
 BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 19th April, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. **LOMBARD**, Commandant CHATELAIN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
 Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
 Shipping orders will be granted till noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 18th April, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
 Contents and value of Packages are required.
 For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
 Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap19



STEAM FOR
 Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;
 Also,
 Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.
THE PANICULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship GELONG, Captain FRASER, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 21st April, at Noon.
 For further Particulars, apply to **A. LIND, Superintendent.**
 Hongkong, April 14, 1877. ap21

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.
TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

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 Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 30th Inst. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
 Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.
 For further information as to Freight & Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
 Hongkong, April 8, 1877. my1

Intimations.

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 Hongkong, March 13, 1877. incl9

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China Mail Office,
 Hongkong, March 20, 1877.

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 Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the *Chinese Mail* in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.
CHUN AYIN,
Manager.
 Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.
LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.
 THE BUSINESS of this Company has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.
 By Order of the Proprietors,
WILLIAM HUNT,
Secretary.
 137, Leadenhall Street, London, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co.
 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.
 1st January, 1877.
ESTABLISHED 1836.
CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING.
RESERVE FUND, £340,000
 WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr. A. McIVER as its AGENT in HONGKONG.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
ROBERT J. LODGE,
Manager.
 THE Underigned is prepared to Accept Risks and Issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.
A. McIVER,
Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.
 Hongkong, February 16, 1877. au17

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the *Chinese Mail* will be issued DAILY instead of TWICE a week as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.
 The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the *China Mail*. The unusual success which has attended the *Chinese Mail* makes it an admirable medium for advertisers.
 The Conductors guarantee an eventual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco and Australia.
 For terms, &c., address
Mr. CHUN AYIN,
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 China Mail Office,
 17th February, 1874.

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 Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL.
 THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has been very much extended. The following are some of its Agents:—
Macao.—Man Chuen Shop.
Canton.—Sung Chuen Native Post Office, Luen Hing Street; Ohui Heng Low Hotel, Luen Hing Street; Kwong Tin Fat Shop, Yau Tai Street; Mr. Sit Chuen Fan, Tung Wen Kwang; Yuen Fong Shop, in front of the Provincial Treasurer's Yamen; How Yuen Shop, Small Market Street, New City; Yee Cheung Photograph Shop, Honam; Kwai Heung Shop, Sin Cheong, Bonam.
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Amy.—Ohin Cheong Hong, Mook Kek Street.
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 The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express couriers who carry the official despatches and *Peking Gazette*, to circulate the *Chinese Mail* in the interior of China.
 Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, April 14, 1877.		At 1110 Cash per Dollar Mexican.	
		Foreign.	Local.
Butcher Meat.			
Bacon, English, lb.	450	400	
" Ame. Sugar cured, "	300	250	
" Footchew, "	160	140	
Beef, sirloin and prime cut, cy.	160	150	
Beef Corned, catty	150	140	
" Roast, "	150	140	
" Soup, "	90	80	
" Steak, "	150	140	
Bullocks' Brains, per set	60	50	
" Tongue, fresh, each	275	250	
" " corned, "	320	300	
" Head, "	600	500	
" Heart, "	150	140	
" Feet, "	50	40	
" Kidneys, "	60	50	
" Tail, "	100	90	
" Liver, catty	80	60	
" Tripe (undressed), catty	50	40	
Calves' Head and Feet, set	500	400	
Hams, American, lb.	300	250	
" Chinese, "	180	170	
" English, "	360	340	
Mutton Chop, "	180	170	
" Leg, "	180	170	
" Shoulder, "	180	170	
" Liver, "	180	170	
Pigs' Chittlings, catty	60	50	
" Feet, "	100	90	
" Fry, "	110	100	
" Head, "	90	80	
" Hoast, "	60	50	
" Kidneys, "	80	70	
" Liver, lb.	100	80	
Port, Chop, catty	150	140	
" Corned, "	180	170	
" Leg, "	180	170	
" Fat or Lard, "	110	100	
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set	840	820	
" Heart, each	50	40	
" Kidneys, "	80	70	
Smoking Pigs, "	1750	1000	
Veal, catty	140	120	
Fowl.			
Capon, catty	220	200	
Ducks, catty	180	170	
Eggs, Hen, doz.	100	—	
" Duck, "	100	—	
" Salt, "	120	—	
Fowls, catty	180	160	
Geese, "	120	110	
Partidge, each	850	800	
Pheasants, Canton, live, pair	\$2.00	—	
Pigeons, each	160	150	
Quail, "	100	90	
Rabbits, "	800	500	
Snipe, each	120	110	
Teal, "	350	250	
Turkeys, Cook, catty	700	650	
" Hen, "	450	400	
Wild Duck, each	450	400	
Fish.			
Bombay Ducks, new per hundred	350	300	
Bream, catty	100	90	
Carp, "	80	70	
Codfish, Salt, lb.	150	—	
Crabs, catty	160	120	
Cuttle Fish, "	80	70	
Dace, "	100	90	
Eels, Congor, "	80	60	
File Fish, "	60	50	
Fresh Fish, Large	130	120	
" Small, "	90	80	
Frogs, "	260	250	
Garoupe, "	250	240	
Herrings, "	70	60	
" smoked, box	\$1.00	—	
Live Fish, catty	140	120	
Lobsters, "	80	70	
Mackerel, "	50	40	
Mango Fish, "	160	—	
Mullet, "	100	90	
Oysters, "	140	130	
Parrot Fish, "	140	130	
Perch, "	80	70	
Pomfret, "	160	140	
Prawns, "	160	140	
Ray, "	160	140	
Roach, "	160	—	
Rock Fish, "	180	160	
Salmon, Canton, "	80	70	
Salt Fish, "	120	100	
Shark, young, "	70	60	
Shrimps, "	70	60	
Skate, "	80	70	
Snappers, "	120	110	
Snipe Fish, "	80	—	
Sole, Fresh, "	120	100	
Tench, "	80	70	
Turtle, Small, "	400	350	
White Salt, "	40	30	
Vegetables.			
Asparagus, tin	450	400	
Bamboo Shoots, catty	100	80	
Beans, sprout, "	20	14	
" Broad, "	80	70	
" French from Macao, "	70	50	
Beet Root, each	12	10	
Brussels, catty	12	10	
Cabbage, White Canton, "	30	25	
" Common, "	10	8	
" Hongkong, each	70	30	
" Macao, "	70	30	
" Turnip, Boil each	10	8	
" red for pickling, "	80	80	
Carrots, Salt, catty	20	—	
Carrots, Fresh, catty	25	20	
Cauliflower, each	80	80	

Celery, Chinese,	catty	20
Celery, English,	"	40
Colowort,	"	30
Cucumbers,	"	120
Chilies, Dried,	"	100
" Mixed,	"	80
Curry Stuf, English,	"	40
Egg Plant,	"	50
Garlic, (bulb) dried,	"	40
Ginger,	"	30
Greens, White	"	10
" Winter course	"	20
Green, Sprouts	"	15
Green Peas, in shell, old	"	60
" young	"	40
" Horse Radish," S'hal,	"	300
Lettuce, Chinese	"	20
" English,	head	10
Mint,	bunch	15
Mushroom, dried,	catty	750
Onions, Bombay	"	240
" Green	"	20
Parley, Chinese,	"	50
" English,	bunch	10
Potatoes, Macao,	catty	20
" Sweet,	"	12
Pumpkins,	"	20
Radishes,	doz.	30
Scallions,	catty	25
Shalots,	"	35
Sesamum,	"	120
Spinach,	"	40
" Common	"	25
Squash, bottle	"	30
Taro (U Tau)	"	20
Tomatoes,	"	60
Turnips, Salt,	"	20
" English	each	15
" Chinese	catty	15
Water Lily Roots,	"	80
Water Cross,	bunch	20
Yams,	catty	30
Fruits.		
Aleutites,	catty	60
Apples, Dried	"	500
" Californian,	"	250
" Rose,	"	70
Bananas, fragrant Punt,	"	40
Chestnuts, new,	"	100
Cocoanuts	each	80
Custards,	bottle	400
"	lb.	200
Dates,	bottle	500
Figs, Dried,	"	500
Ground Nuts,	catty	40
Guavas,	"	60
Lemons,	"	120
Liches, Dried,	"	200
Loong Ngan, Dried,	"	400
Locuats,	"	40
Mangoes,	each	100
Olive, green, Punt,	catty	60
Oranges, (Coolie) Chang	"	40
" Sweet, Sun-woey	"	250
" (Mand.) coolie	"	100
" (Mandarin)	"	120
" dark-skinned	"	80
Papaw,	"	150
Pears, Nanking,	"	180
Pears, Chefoo,	"	120
" Punt,	"	50
Pine-apples, Punt	each	60
Plantains, common	catty	30
" fragrant	"	40
Plums, Dark-red,	"	60
" Yellow,	"	50
" Green,	"	50
Fruits, Dried,	bottle	300
Pumeloes or Shaddock, each	"	80
Rafains, Muscatel,	bottle	750
"	lb.	200
Salesbury Seeds, Pak-kwo, catty	"	80
Sugar Cane,	stick	25
Tamarinds,	catty	60
Walnuts,	"	110
Water Chestnuts, Canton	"	50
Miscellaneous.		
Allepice, Chinese	bottle	200
" English	"	750
Barley,	picul	1800
Bran,	picul	1500
Butter,	lb.	600
Candied Orange Peel,	bottle	750
" Lemon	"	750
Capers,	"	250
Charcoal,	picul	1080
Cheese, American,	lb.	400
Cinnamon,	catty	300
Cloves,	"	160
"	"	700
Cococant Oil,	bottle	180
Coffee,	lb.	280
Curry Powders,	bottle	500
Firewood,	picul	400
Flour,	catty	40
Grams,	picul	3000
Isinglass,	pkge.	750
Lamp Oil,	catty	90
Macaroni,	box	1000
Mace,	catty	750
Mango Chutney,	bottle	500
Mustard,	"	150
Nutmegs,	each	10
Olive,	bottle	250
Paddy,	picul	1800
Pearl Barley,	bottle	250
Pepper (whole)	catty	270
" (ground)	bottle	250
Pickles,	"	200
W. QUINCEY, Acting Inspector of Markets.		
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